

STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ILLINOIS
MINUTES OF THE
RULES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
January 14, 2019

The Rules and Personnel Committee of the Board of Trustees of the State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois convened on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the System's Springfield office located at 2101 South Veterans Parkway.

The following trustees were in attendance:

Danny Silverthorn, Trustee
Jeremy "Tad" Hawk, Trustee

Others in attendance were:

Tim Blair, Executive Secretary
Jeff Houch, Assistant to the Executive Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 29, 2018 MEETING

Trustee Silverthorn motioned to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2018 meeting of the committee, Trustee Hawk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

RULEMAKING AUTHORIZATION

Assistant to the Secretary Jeff Houch presented rules recommended by staff for the committee's consideration. The first rule presented was related to the QILDRO provisions of the plan design. QILDRO allows members to divide pension benefits and provide to alternate payees through Court proceedings. The proposed rule would provide that the System shall not accept a QILDRO order validated by the Court after the member's death. This rule provision is modeled after provisions found in rules of other comparable retirement systems. After some discussion, Trustee Hawk motioned to authorize staff to pursue such rulemaking, which was seconded by Trustee Silverthorn.

Mr. Houch then summarized the next rule for consideration, which is related to the recently enacted accelerated pension benefit payment programs. Such rule provides that if a member charged with a job connected felony applies for an accelerated pension benefit payment, then the System will delay the vouchering of the payment until the adjudication process of that charge has been completed. If the member is convicted and sentenced of that job connected felony, then the System will not voucher such payment. After some discussion, Trustee Silverthorn motioned to authorize staff to pursue such rulemaking, which was seconded by Trustee Hawk.

A copy of the detailed summary of the rules is maintained at the SERS office and made part of these minutes as *Exhibit A*.

LEGISLATION AUTHORIZATION

Mr. Houch then summarized staff's request to file legislation in the 2019 Legislative Session. Such legislation represents the System's efforts to modernize and streamline the administration of the disability programs administered by SERS. Such provisions include eliminating the deadlines associated with disability application dates, allow other qualified medical professionals to sign off on medical certifications and replace a few outdated terms and references in the SERS article of the Pension Code.

After some discussion, Trustee Hawk motioned to authorize staff to pursue such rulemaking, which was seconded by Trustee Silverthorn. A copy of the detailed summary of the rules is maintained at the SERS office and made part of these minutes as *Exhibit B*.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the committee, Trustee Silverthorn made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hawk seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.